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INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. KOHL (for himself and Mr. DURBIN):

S. 1826. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a credit to encourage employers to offer flexible and phased work opportunities to older workers, to expand the credit for dependent care expenses to cover eldercare expenses, to extend COBRA coverage for certain older workers who lose health insurance coverage due to a reduction in work, to improve older workers' access to job training services, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. DEMINT (for himself, Mr. DURBIN, and Mr. CORNYN):

S. 1827. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for the public disclosure of charges for certain hospital services and drugs; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. CLINTON (for herself and Mr. ROBERTS):

S. 1828. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to improve and secure an adequate supply of influenza vaccine; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. DOMENICI (for himself and Mr. BINGAMAN) (by request):

S. 1829. A bill to repeal certain sections of the Act of May 26, 1936, pertaining to the Virgin Islands; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. DOMENICI (for himself, Mr. BINGAMAN, and Mr. AKAKA) (by request):

S. 1830. A bill to amend the Compact of Free Association Amendments Act of 2003, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. DOMENICI (for himself and Mr. BINGAMAN) (by request):

S. 1831. A bill to convey certain submerged land to the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. INHOFE (for himself and Mr. COBURN):

S. 1832. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to lease oil and gas resources underlying Fort Reno, Oklahoma, to establish the Fort Reno Management Fund, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. CRAPO:

S. 1833. A bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to provide for health opportunity accounts under the Medicaid Program; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. JEFFORDS (for himself, Mr. SARBANES, and Mr. DAYTON):

S. 1834. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Department of Housing and Urban Development to make grants to States for affordable housing for low-income persons, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. ALLARD (for himself and Mr. SALAZAR):

S. 1835. A bill to authorize the Secretary of Energy to purchase certain essential mineral rights and resolve natural resource damage liability claims; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. JEFFORDS (for himself, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. CARPER, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. OBAMA, and Mr. BAUCUS):

S. 1836. A bill to provide for reconstruction, replacement, and improvement of infrastructure in the Gulf Coast Region; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. REED:

S. 1837. A bill to amend the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act to add Rhode Island to the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. VOINOVICH (for himself and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 1838. A bill to provide for the sale, acquisition, conveyance, and exchange of certain real property in the District of Columbia to facilitate the utilization, development, and redevelopment of such property, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. MARTINEZ (for himself and Mr. NELSON of Florida):

S. 1839. A bill to authorize additional judgeships for the middle district and southern district of Florida; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. THUNE (for himself and Mr. BINGAMAN):

S. 1840. A bill to amend section 340B of the Public Health Service Act to increase the affordability of inpatient drugs for Medicaid and safety net hospitals; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. NELSON of Florida (for himself, Ms. STABENOW, and Mr. HARKIN):

S. 1841. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide extended and additional protection to Medicare beneficiaries who enroll for the Medicare prescription drug benefit during 2006; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. LANDRIEU:

S. 1842. A bill to provide assistance to rebuild communities, schools, and hospitals damaged by Hurricane Katrina or Hurricane Rita, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. VITTER:

S. 1843. A bill to establish a strong Federal officer appointed by the President focused exclusively on the official and effective use of Federal resources in southeast Louisiana for Hurricane Katrina recovery, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. VITTER:

S. 1844. A bill to provide for full and open competition for Federal contracts related to Hurricane Katrina and Hurricane Rita reconstruction efforts; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. ENSIGN (for himself, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. BURNS, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. KYL, Mr. SMITH, and Mr. STEVENS):

S. 1845. A bill to amend title 28, United States Code, to provide for the appointment of additional Federal circuit judges, to divide the Ninth Judicial Circuit of the United States into 2 circuits, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. LANDRIEU:

S. 1846. A bill to provide assistance to rebuild communities, schools, and hospitals damaged by Hurricane Katrina or Hurricane Rita, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Ms. LANDRIEU:

S. 1847. A bill to provide assistance to rebuild hospitals damaged by Hurricane

Katrina or Hurricane Rita, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. SALAZAR (for himself and Mr. ALLARD):

S. 1848. A bill to promote remediation of inactive and abandoned mines, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Ms. LANDRIEU:

S. 1849. A bill for the relief of Gisele Goldberg Schexnider; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SALAZAR:

S. 1850. A bill to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to accelerate the availability of various income tax credits providing incentives for energy incentive products and practices, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SALAZAR:

S. 1851. A bill to amend section 30123 of title 49, United States Code, to require replacement tires for passenger vehicles to meet the standards required for tires on new vehicles; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. SALAZAR:

S. 1852. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reduce the incentive to purchase larger and luxury motor vehicles; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SALAZAR:

S. 1853. A bill to amend the National Energy Conservation Policy Act to require Federal agencies to take certain actions to reduce employee vehicle consumption, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. SALAZAR:

S. 1854. A bill to prohibit price gouging for commodities and services sold during national emergency situations; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. JOHNSON (for himself, Mr. THUNE, and Mr. LEVIN):

S. Res. 268. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that a commemorative postage stamp should be issued to honor sculptor Korczak Ziolkowski; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mrs. BOXER:

S. Res. 269. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that a "Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day" should be established; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. BAYH (for himself, Ms. STABENOW, and Mr. SCHUMER):

S. Res. 270. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that the International Monetary Fund should investigate whether China is manipulating the rate of exchange between the Chinese yuan and the United States dollar; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Ms. STABENOW (for herself and Mr. LEVIN):

S. Con. Res. 57. A concurrent resolution recognizing the contributions of African-American basketball teams and players for their achievements, dedication, and contributions to the sport of basketball and the Nation; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 191

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. CHAFEE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 191, a bill to extend certain trade preferences to certain least-developed countries, and for other purposes.

S. 211

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. VITTER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 211, a bill to facilitate nationwide availability of 2-1-1 telephone service for information and referral on human services, volunteer services, and for other purposes.

S. 595

At the request of Mr. SANTORUM, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. BINGAMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 595, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the work opportunity credit and the welfare-to-work credit.

S. 722

At the request of Mr. SANTORUM, the name of the Senator from Florida (Mr. MARTINEZ) was added as a cosponsor of S. 722, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reduce the tax on beer to its pre-1991 level.

S. 759

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 759, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make higher education more affordable, and for other purposes.

S. 769

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. COBURN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 769, a bill to enhance compliance assistance for small businesses.

S. 908

At the request of Mr. MCCONNELL, the names of the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. HAGEL) and the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. NELSON) were added as cosponsors of S. 908, a bill to allow Congress, State legislatures, and regulatory agencies to determine appropriate laws, rules, and regulations to address the problems of weight gain, obesity, and health conditions associated with weight gain or obesity.

S. 1172

At the request of Mr. SPECTER, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1172, a bill to provide for programs to increase the awareness and knowledge of women and health care providers with respect to gynecologic cancers.

S. 1236

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the names of the Senator from Arkansas (Mrs. LINCOLN) and the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. DODD) were added as cosponsors of S. 1236, a bill to ensure the availability of spectrum to amateur radio operators.

S. 1294

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the name of the Senator from South

Carolina (Mr. GRAHAM) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1294, a bill to amend the Telecommunications Act of 1996 to preserve and protect the ability of local governments to provide broadband capability and services.

S. 1317

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BAYH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1317, a bill to provide for the collection and maintenance of cord blood units for the treatment of patients and research, and to amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize the Bone Marrow and Cord Blood Cell Transplantation Program to increase the number of transplants for recipients suitable matched to donors of bone marrow and cord blood.

S. 1358

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. FEINGOLD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1358, a bill to protect scientific integrity in Federal research and policymaking.

S. 1388

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the name of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. ALLEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1388, a bill to amend chapter 6 of title 5, United States Code (commonly known as the Regulatory Flexibility Act), to ensure complete analysis of potential impacts on small entities of rules, and for other purposes.

S. 1418

At the request of Mr. ENZI, the name of the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. BYRD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1418, a bill to enhance the adoption of a nationwide interoperable health information technology system and to improve the quality and reduce the costs of health care in the United States.

S. 1440

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the names of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON), the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) and the Senator from Arizona (Mr. KYL) were added as cosponsors of S. 1440, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide coverage for cardiac rehabilitation and pulmonary rehabilitation services.

S. 1504

At the request of Mr. ENSIGN, the name of the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAIG) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1504, a bill to establish a market driven telecommunications marketplace, to eliminate government managed competition of existing communication service, and to provide parity between functionally equivalent services.

S. 1507

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1507, a bill to protect children from Internet pornography and support law enforcement and other efforts to combat Internet and pornography-related crimes against children.

S. 1512

At the request of Mr. SARBANES, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. COBURN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1512, a bill to grant a Federal charter to Korean War Veterans Association, Incorporated.

S. 1538

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Mr. REID) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1538, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand the incentives for the construction and renovation of public schools.

S. 1585

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. AKAKA) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1585, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to reduce the costs of prescription drugs for enrollees of medicaid managed care organizations by extending the discounts offered under fee-for-service medicaid to such organizations.

S. 1587

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Ms. MIKULSKI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1587, a bill to amend title XXI of the Social Security Act to permit qualifying States to use a portion of their allotments under the State children's health insurance program for any fiscal year for certain medicaid expenditures.

S. 1716

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1716, a bill to provide emergency health care relief for survivors of Hurricane Katrina, and for other purposes.

S. 1721

At the request of Mr. VOINOVICH, the names of the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. BYRD) and the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. ROCKEFELLER) were added as cosponsors of S. 1721, a bill to amend the Omnibus Parks and Public Lands Management Act of 1996 to extend the authorization for certain national heritage areas, and for other purposes.

S. 1726

At the request of Mr. VITTER, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1726, a bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 324 Main Street in Grambling, Louisiana, shall be known and designated as the "Coach Eddie Robinson Post Office Building".

S. 1753

At the request of Mr. DEMINT, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. SNOWE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1753, a bill to establish a unified national hazard alert system, and for other purposes.

S. 1774

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the names of the Senator from Utah (Mr.